



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Dane Kenton Parker, et al.

For: PREPARATION AND USE OF A

NANOCOMPOSITE OF ELASTOMER AND

EXFOLIATED CLAY PLATELETS FORMED IN)

SITU WITHIN AN ELASTOMER HOST AND)

ARTICLES OF MANUFACTURE, INCLUDING)

TIRES, HAVING AT LEAST ONE COMPONENT)

COMPRISED THEREOF)

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